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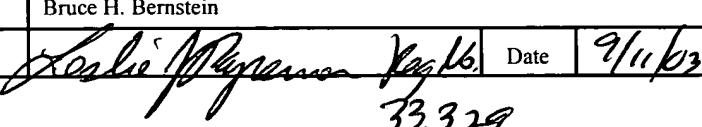


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- 3 sheets of drawings with 6 figures.
- 2 total claims and 1 independent.
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